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MEMORANDUM FOR: AFCIG-5
Headquarters USAF

ATTENTION: Colonel L. P. Geary

SUBJECT: Additional Project Aircraft (U-2)

1. Request your office take the necessary action to obtain two additional U-2 aircraft for assignment to this Agency. As you know, our commitments have steadily increased over the past year but due to losses, i.e., accidents, IRAN, modifications, loans to LAC for new developments testing, etc., our operational aircraft inventory has steadily declined. Presently, the possessed operational aircraft level is below that required to meet our commitments. In addition, a requirement for setting up another overseas detachment is a definite possibility, a possibility which we must anticipate well in advance due to the lead time necessary in converting U-2A aircraft to the special configuration which would be required.

2. It is desired that the first SAC U-2A scheduled through LAC modification line be assigned to this organization. This action will allow the factory to incorporate the modifications peculiar to Agency requirements. This first aircraft would be configured as a replacement for aircraft [redacted] the one lost in the accident last month.

3. A second U-2A is urgently needed to support part of the INS, Racetrack, and Pole testing required in support of the OXCART program. Such action will allow us to continue the IRAN and modifications scheduled through LAC on the two remaining Agency aircraft.

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Currently, these vehicles are being delayed in the updating program by the requirement to support OXCART development testing. The additional aircraft will also help alleviate a very serious unit training program limitation. During recent months several urgent training requirements have been unsatisfied, largely due to insufficient available aircraft.

4. Please coordinate this requirement at your earliest possible convenience and advise this office in order that further plans may be completed.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RESEARCH)

cc'd to Stanley W. Beerli

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